
SENATE BILL No. 514

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-4-33-2.

Synopsis: Appropriation for home energy assistance. Makes an annual appropriation from the state general fund to the office of the lieutenant governor (office) for the office's use in providing assistance to eligible households under the home energy assistance program. Provides that the amount of the annual appropriation equals the lesser of: (1) the difference between the amount needed to provide assistance to all eligible households during the program year and the amount of available funding for the program year; or (2) \$1,000,000. Provides that the appropriated money does not revert to the state general fund at the end of any state fiscal year, but remains available to the office to make any remaining distributions to eligible households for the program year. Provides that after the office has made all distributions for a program year, any remaining amount of the appropriation reverts to the state general fund at the end of the program year.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-33-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2007]: **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "eligible household"**
4 **means a household determined to be eligible for home energy**
5 **assistance for the program period that includes the state fiscal year**
6 **for which an appropriation is made under subsection (f).**

7 (b) As used in this section, "home energy" means electricity, oil,
8 gas, coal, propane, or any other fuel for use as the principal source
9 of heating or cooling in residential dwellings.

10 (c) As used in this section, "home energy assistance" means
11 programs administered by the state to supply home energy through
12 the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant under 42
13 U.S.C. 8261 et seq.

14 (d) As used in this section, "program administrator" means a
15 party with whom the lieutenant governor contracts to administer
16 the state's home energy assistance program in a particular
17 community in Indiana. The term includes a community action



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agency (as defined in IC 12-14-23-2) that contracts with the lieutenant governor to administer the home energy assistance program in a community.

(e) As used in this section, "program period" refers to a federal fiscal year or other period with respect to which the office of the lieutenant governor or a program administrator:

(1) determines the eligibility of individual households for home energy assistance; and

(2) determines the amount of assistance to be awarded to each eligible household under the home energy assistance program.

(f) There is annually appropriated to the office of the lieutenant governor from the state general fund an amount equal to the lesser of:

(1) the difference between:

(A) the total amount of funding needed, as determined by the office of the lieutenant governor, to make home energy assistance available to all eligible households during the program period that includes the state fiscal year for which the appropriation is being made; and

(B) the amount of funding available from any source, other than an appropriation under this section, for home energy assistance for the program period that includes the state fiscal year for which the appropriation is being made; or

(2) one million dollars (\$1,000,000);

for the lieutenant governor's use in providing assistance to eligible households under the home energy assistance program. Money appropriated by this section does not revert to the state general fund at the close of any state fiscal year but remains available to the office of the lieutenant governor for making any remaining distributions to eligible households for the program period that includes the state fiscal year for which the appropriation was made. However, any amount remaining after the office of the lieutenant governor has made all distributions for the program period that includes the state fiscal year for which the appropriation was made reverts for general use to the state general fund at the end of the program period.

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